

H. R. 684.

JANUARY 28, 1835.

Read twice, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To prescribe the punishment of consuls, commercial agents, and others, in certain cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 if any consul, vice consul, commercial agent, or vice commer-
4 cial agent, shall knowingly and falsely certify to any invoice,
5 or other paper to which his certificate is by law authorized or
6 required, he shall, on conviction thereof, in any court of com-
7 petent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding ten
8 thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court, and be im-
9 prisoned for a term not exceeding three years, at the like dis-
10 cretion.